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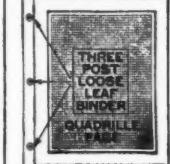
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British Guiana 1d Black

By DON HOUSEWORTH

INSPECTOR HAYDEN dropped into a leather easy chair, hung his cane over the arm and carefully removed his gloves.

"Sergeant," he said, "ask this man Jackson to step in."

Hayden's chair was in a corner of the room from which he could see every detail of the study. Bookcases lined the walls to a height of five feet or such a matter; several fine oils hung above them. In the center of the room stood a heavy oaken table. There were three or four chairs, similar to that which held the inspector, near the table.

In the far wall of the room, a row of diamond paned windows, shed light from above the bookcases. One of these windows now swung open upon its hinges.

Inspector Hayden gazed absently at the body of Merrival Jones sprawled on the carpet almost at his feet. A dark stain had spread over the rug beside the dead man's head and near the body lay the fragments of a broken vase—a heavy jade vase.

"Here's Jackson," declared the sergeant. He had ushered in a tall, sallow man of middle age.

"Jackson?" The inspector's inflection on the name implied a desire to know more than the surname.

"Wentworth Jackson," supplied the man as he seated himself opposite the officer.

"And what do you do here?"

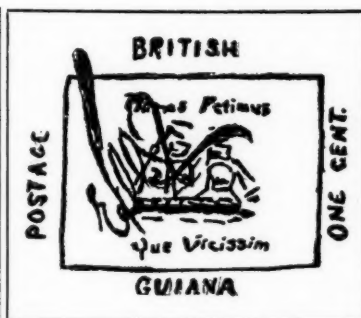
"Private secretary to Mr. Jones."

"Which means what?"

"I handle matters of correspondence; arrange travel accommodations; budget the operation of the residence here; assist generally with the business burdens Mr. Jones brings into his private life."

"I'm afraid I'm unfamiliar with the business of Mr. Jones."

"He has, or perhaps we should now speak in the past tense, has had many interests. Until recently he was president of the board of directors of the



Crowther Woolen Mills. His interests have included railroad holdings, municipal bonds and investments in several small business houses."

"I see. You live here?"

"Yes, sir. For ten years."

"When did you last see Jones?"

"Saturday evening."

"H'm. This being Tuesday morning there remains an interval of some sixty hours. How did it happen that you did not see Jones during that time?"

"Mr. Jones retired to the study here Saturday evening after dinner. He complained of a slight headache and asked not to be disturbed. On Sunday I consistently go for long walks if the weather is pleasant and I did so day before yesterday. The fact that I did not meet Mr. Jones about the house was not alarming. I did feel some uneasiness yesterday when he did not appear in the dining room but I took it for granted that he was at his office. Somehow, the idea failed to enter my head that he might be in the study or that anything had happened to him."

"Last night I communicated with his office, learned that he had not been there and began a search for him."

"You did not notify the police?"

"No sir. I did not want to appear ridiculous in his eyes because I was certain that he would eventually put in an appearance with a simple reason for his absence. It was not until this morning that I tried the study door, found it locked and a—became panicky."

"The study door then, as a rule, was not locked?"

"Never. Both Mr. Jones and myself spent considerable time here and there was never any need to lock the room."

"H'm," said the inspector. He had retrieved his cane and aimlessly poked about the bits of shattered jade as he leaned forward in his chair, elbows on knees.

"I suppose you found the window open?"

"I did."

"The door locked on the inside; the window open; a flat roof outside easily accessible from the ground. The situation has all the earmarks of a murder."

"What else could be suggested?" The remark was Jackson's and it was tinged with irony.

Inspector Hayden ignored it.

"Perhaps, Jackson, you could tell me who would be interested in the death of Jones?"

"I know of no one."

"Then, of course, you wouldn't know why anyone would take his life?"

"Of course not."

"So far as you know, nothing has been stolen?"

"Nothing has been molested in this room."

The detective was silent for a moment, then dismissed Jackson and asked that Jones' attorney be admitted. A pompous little man whisked through the door almost at once and then checked himself abruptly. The sight of the body caused him to suck in his breath.

findings of the coroner. Death occurred sometime Sunday night. Do you regard it as strange that you heard no commotion?"

"My room is across the house and I sleep well. Am I under arrest?"

"Not yet," replied Inspector Hayden. "I am not satisfied on a point of strength. The murderer of your employer was a man of unusual strength. Look at that vase. The fragments are half an inch thick. The blow was a terrific one, premeditated and delivered with passion. Your chest is a bit thin, Jackson, for this job. But—there is a possibility someone pretty close to this household is a muscular fellow."

* * *

"Well, well, inspector, have you succumbed to stamp collecting at last?"

The elderly man behind the counter beamed on the visitor and motioned him to a stool.

"Not yet, McPherson," replied Hayden. "I am deep in a murder and playing a hunch that some dealer in stamps will help me solve the mystery. Were you acquainted with Merivale Jones?"

"Yes. Is it him?"

"Beaten to death at his home. What do you know about him?"

"He was a customer, a good customer. I have known him perhaps twelve or fifteen years. He came in regularly to look over new arrivals and I sold him, at one time or another, some very fine stamps."

"You knew him, then, personally?"

"Yes," replied the dealer slowly, "although he was not a type that one

regards as a bosom friend even after many years association."

"I had built up the theory," explained the inspector, "that a man's inner self would be better known to his associates in a common interest."

"I understand. I have looked into the souls of many men who come into this shop. Frankly, Mr. Jones held himself in reserve and it is difficult to give a positive picture of him. There must be millions of stamp collectors in the world, inspector, but all fall into one of two classes. They either collect stamps for the pure joy the hobby affords or they collect stamps as a speculation, hoping to reap financial profit from the investment."

"Mr. Jones was a speculator. In the true sense of the word he was not a philatelist as we stamp lovers like to call ourselves. After years of buying he knew comparatively little about stamps. As I said, he came in here regularly and knowing that he was interested in British colonial stamps I always exhibited my new purchases. He never bought on first examination. Pieces that caught his eye he would have laid away for a day or two. Usually he said 'yes' or 'no' on the second trip but sometimes he would take items out on approval, first covering the value with his personal check. It was evident that he always depended on the judgment of someone else and I must say that person never made a mistake."

"I have identified that person," interrupted Hayden, "and you are giving me some valuable information. Go on."

"Well, there isn't much more to tell. I have a pretty good idea of what is in his collection and it will bring a good price. He was a bargain hunter. I learned, but not from him, that he bid \$25,000 on the British Guiana 1d black."

"\$25,000 for a stamp?" Hayden's astonishment was genuine.

"He was too conservative. It sold at a much higher price. Now that I think of it he asked me a few months ago for my opinion on the effect the appearance of a second British Guiana 1d black would have on the value of the first."

"You are ahead of me, McPherson," interrupted the officer, "this reference to British Guiana pennies is over my head. You will have to be more elemental."

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The Mother's Day stamps have just been received and, in our opinion, are very fine. However, we fail to comprehend any satisfactory reason for issuing them both flat and rotary press. The latter method is supposed to be less expensive and faster on large runs so why both ways? Collectors would rather see two different designs.

Collectors of United States stamps have recently been inquiring why prices seem to have taken a sudden spurt recently. General business conditions in other lines seem to make this rise appear unwarranted. However, the fact is overlooked that, with stamps, when the supply is once exhausted there can be no more, whereas any manufactured article can be readily replaced. During the past few years, in spite of the depression, there has been a constant and slowly increasing demand for U. S. stamps. We have heard time and again that any sudden increase in demand would wipe out available supplies and such has been the case. Even good copies have increased in price while practically every dealer now demands a premium of from 20 to 50 percent over list for fine copies.

With all due respects to Scott's Catalogue it is so far behind the market that it can no longer be considered in judging values. It is prepared months before it is issued and is now almost time for a new one. Current prices in many cases exceed full catalogue although it may have been approximately correct at the time it was issued. Prices most certainly will not go down even from today's high point and the new catalogue must surely aim to discount next winter's market or it will be obsolete as soon as it is issued. The best guide to the current market is a current price list such as many dealers publish. Several have issued new editions recently which every U. S. collector should have.

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Mr. J. Edward Vining of St. Louis, Mo., publisher of the Mid-West Stamp News, dropped into the office of Linn's Weekly early on Saturday morning of May 5th. The Editor regrets that Edward was in such a hurry to get to Washington that he could not wait for his late arrival at the office.

The Oldest Postoffice in the State of Arkansas was closed on April 30th. This was Arkansas Post. Specially printed and historically interesting covers were mailed on this day by Mr. M. R. Baer of the Veteran Stamp Company at Little Rock. These covers were offered to collectors in our last issue and the Editor is especially appreciative of the one that came to our office.

The Birmingham Philatelic Society of Birmingham, Alabama, is especially fortunate in having among its membership certain of the Faculty of Birmingham-Southern College. Russell S. Poor, Ph. D., head of the Department of Biology and President of the Society is quoted in a full page newspaper story in the Birmingham News-Age Herald of April 15th and the story is one of the most excellent on Philatelic Subjects that we have seen for some time in a newspaper.

At the May 1st meeting of this society, Dr. W. A. Whiting addressed the members on Biology and Stamps. The animal kingdom was illustrated by stamps and he pointed out that only 5 out of the 9 subdivisions of the invertebrates are represented on stamps while all but 4 of the 12 subdivisions of the Mammalia are represented.

This society was organized January 25, 1932, with 11 members and today has more than 60 active collectors on its rolls and meets twice each month.

Collectors who wish to contact the society can address Dr. Poor at the College.

H. Herdelin of Philadelphia who has been doing a remarkable business with the Kodapak envelopes for stamps has moved three times in the past year, each time to larger and bigger quarters. His latest move is to a large second floor location at 1531 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The Long Island Stamp Show is to be held June 8, 9, at the Jamaica YMCA at Parsons Blvd. and Jamaica Ave., in Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. There will be 150 frames on exhibition with prizes for the various classes. A bourse with a representative lot of dealers will be a feature. The exhibi-

tion is to be opened by Borough President Harvey of Long Island.

R. R. Dickson of Pittsburgh, displayed his collection of Plate Numbers of United States Commemoratives at the May 10 meeting of the Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron. Mr. Dickson has probably the finest and most complete collection of this type in existence. At the May 17 meeting Harold Lyon of Ravenna showed his Air Mail Collection.

May 24th is to be Swap Night at the club and on the 31st there will be the Annual Donation Auction.

The Monroe Stamp & Coin Club, Monroe, Michigan, held an open meeting and exhibition on Monday evening, April 30th, at the Monroe High School. Many collectors from Toledo, Detroit and other cities were in attendance. Don R. Heath of Detroit acted as master of ceremonies and brief talks were made by many of the visiting collectors.

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If we were the F. D. R. of stampdom we'd take that Rochester mayor over the knee and spank soundly for trying to start that city centennial stuff . . . ditto the guy who wanted all those army brigade stamps . . . we'd stage a Pecora on some of those dealers' deals with foreign governments . . . we'd insist that those in charge of philatelic events from the P. O. be capable of doing their work . . . we'd get the boys into action and have an exhibit at the 1934 Century of Progress that at least would make the footsole tourist stop and look a few minutes . . . we'd throw the spotlight on the flim-flamming prices some of these coin sharks pay to the unsuspecting for their stamps such as 25c for "47's" . . . for the boys who insist that all stamps can be had at 50% off cat. we'd sentence them to ten days in a special school having such subjects as "face values", "exchange rates", "bank charges", "loss" . . . no officer of any national society could hold office more than two successive years . . . we'd have stamp talks over a nation-wide hook-up every so often . . . we'd have these auctioneers take their clients' interest more to heart and not put a collection in a lot and

let it go for nothing . . . we'd see about reviving catalogs of revenue stamps, and postal stationery which groups include much beautiful and interesting material . . . we'd make the Johnny Bulls return some service for their high face value commems by making them more friendly and reasonable to the cover collector . . . we'd point out with a big stick the fact to some of our Latin-American neighbors that a commemorative set doesn't have to boast fourteen varieties in the same design and only a thousand of each . . . less quantity and more quality would be a good maxim for these racketeers . . . to the philatelic house of correction we'd send such incorrigibles as Newfoundland, Lithuania and the gang that fell for that Flag of the Race hooey last October . . .

If we were the F. D. R. of the P. O. we'd require new commems only of that denom. be sold on the commemorative day or dates . . . we would establish at half a dozen strategically located postoffices, stocks of those stamps not on regular sale such as Zepps, and imperfs, as well as the current issues . . . the Washington agency would continue to be the sole depository of those issues of which only a comparatively small stock remains . . . these offices would sell via mail as well as over the counter . . . these stocks would contain all varieties of postal stationery of which quantities are in the stocks of the department . . . as all other department mail is sent under frank this would be extended to these agencies . . . to end the use of postage stamps for remittance in

fractions of a dollar, all postoffices would have on sale various denominations of postal "notes", these notes being redeemable at any office for their face value . . . on special issues such as the Byrd we'd place them on sale at the sub agencies . . . we'd tell the apes howling for a complete new set of pictorials, presidents, National Parks and other plasters to not be so d—silly . . . already have in issue a fine set of pictorials of all the denominations from 20c upwards . . . so why replace those? . . . replace the ½c to 17c and airmail if you must . . . but spare the fraternity the pleasure of looking at another set of whiskers for the next decade . . . the above replacements give 19 possible new stamps . . . which is plenty for everyone . . . will keep the first day fans from hoarding . . . will keep the Bureau busy for many a hectic day . . . and will let the parks, Georgie, Abe and Benjamin all get their pitcher on the plasters, by gosh . . . for a new stamped envelope design we'd turn to our old friend the Frigate Constitution . . . the grand old ship under full sail would be a subject any engraver would delight . . . the white sails would be exactly suited to embossing . . . we'd also reform the sizes of the stamped envelopes—junk those archaic sizes decided on in the 70's and issue envelopes in the sizes used today . . . and last but not least we'd see that those in charge of postal affairs at philatelic shindigs really know what they are to do and are capable of doing it.

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« Editorials »

PHILATELIC FICTION We have been saving this for the summer months. A rattling good story about a stamp collector, a real detective thriller and one that will make you anxious for the next number of this paper every week until the story is completed.

The author is none other than Don Houseworth who has written so many interesting and entertaining stories and articles for Linn's Weekly during the past year.

Its title is "British Guiana 1d Black" which brings up thoughts of that world famed rarity and we assure you that the thrill of this story will hold your interest until it's finished.

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NATIONAL PARKS STAMPS For the past two or three years there has been a persistent demand and repeated discussion of a special set of stamps picturing scenes from the great National Parks of America.

Present indications are that this set will make its appearance soon. Probably as many as ten stamps will be in the set and times are ripe for such a set which ought to be issued in large numbers and scattered throughout the country at once in order that the people of America might

better become acquainted with the natural beauties of our country.

The Vacation season is just around the corner. With European Nations defaulting in their debts what could be a better medicine for our own country in these days when every effort is being made to revive industry, than to boost the plan of "See America First".

A National Parks issue of Postage Stamps would be a wonderful advertisement for this plan and should meet with the hearty approval of all classes of people.

It would seem that stamps for the promotion of such a project as this should be far more desirable than stamps glorifying war and digging up unpleasantries that might well be left buried.

WE SUGGEST A RUBBER STAMP And now Mayor Charles Stanton of Rochester, N.

Y., wants the Postoffice Department to issue a special commemorative stamp in honor of the centenary of the founding of Rochester. You are going too far "Sharley". If such a plan is adopted every city in the country will be yelling for special stamps. What you ought to do is get yourself a rubber stamp.

NAVAL COVERS Judging by the great interest shown in the column on Naval Covers

which is written by Marshall Hall for this paper, we would believe that there are almost as many collectors of these cancellations as there used to be Air Mail Cover collectors. Mr. Hall has received several hundred letters from our readers in the past six weeks. His column is without question the best of its kind to be found in any stamp publication and it is so good that certain other publications have reprinted word for word, a large part of the news as original matter from their contributors.

FIRST DAY COVER FEVER Reports from Washington state that 183,000 First Day Covers with Mother's Day stamps were mailed from Washington on May 2. Stamps sold at the Agency and at the Postoffice for collectors use totaled over \$37,500 on this first day sale.

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WHILE THE ARTISTS OF AMERICA have vigorously complained to Postmaster General Farley for the mutilation of the Whistler Picture on the Mother's Day Stamp, stamp collectors who got their first day covers on LINPRINT Envelopes got a true copy of the picture along with the stamp.

NUMEROUS FIRST DAY COVERS with the Mother's Day stamp came to our office and we wish to express our appreciation to those readers who were so kind as to send covers.

THE HONOR OF FOUNDING Mother's Day is claimed for Juliette Calhoun Blakeley of Albion, Michigan, born May 13, 1818, and died Nov. 20, 1920. A cachet in honor of the founder was sponsored by the Albion Business and Professional Women's Clubs on May 3. Our thanks are due Ralph Wilkinson for the cover.

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Washington, D. C., No. 70 ½c ord.
(Dr. W. I. Mitchell)

The Golden Gate Precancel Society again honors us with their BULLETIN, and it is, as usual, a credit to their organization. Of particular interest to readers of this column was the write up of the meeting of April 13th. Mr. Williams gave a talk on Bureau Prints, manner of production etc., and Mr. Hill presented his collection of California Bureaus.

The Precancel Bee comes in again full of real meaty articles on Buros. As usual I turn to E. S. Thresher's Buroprattles, just to see if he still devotes that one paragraph to the cry "Don't mark the backs of your Bureaus". Have taken up the cry myself, as I have had some recent sad experiences along that line. In regard to Mr. Thresher's column, I must confess I stay to read it all, after finding the above mentioned remark.

Mr. Adolf Gunesch, continues to set the pace in the Precancel field, and especially Buros. A check up of his recent ads in Linn's will show quite a few of the nicer items most of us need. And not too expensive, either. I always like to check up on his offerings, as he has many real bargains.

Haven't heard of any other 20c Milwaukee, Wis. without the period. Isn't there any more of these, or perhaps every one is saving it. Would like to find out the position of the stamp. Can any one help?

Polar Zeppelin Flight

A Berlin, Germany, news dispatch under date of April 29, says that the world's first Zeppelin polar expedition is being prepared in Germany.

Plans provide for the Zeppelin LZ-129, a sister ship of the Graf Zeppelin which is nearing completion at Friedrichshafen, to fly over the northern Alaska land area between Alaska and the North Pole.

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A. M. Notes

Contracts for carrying air mail have at this writing been let on a number of the routes and actual service by them has already been commenced by some, and without any notice or official markings.

The Last Flight by the U. S. Army over A. M. 17 & 18 brought special markings by the Oakland-Alameda Chamber of Commerce on May 7th. Thanks to C. E. Morris of Albany, Cal., for cover.

The resumption of service by United Airlines, Inc., on C. A. M. 1 from Oakland to Newark, brought a very good cachet sponsored by the Board of Port Commissioners, and covers mailed from Oakland, May 8th, at 7 P. M. Thanks also to C. E. Morris and F. H. James for covers.

U. S. S. Macon

The dirigible left Florida May 5th. for a flight towards Canal Zone to maneuver with United States Fleet and covers bearing very nice printed cachet were mailed by Michael Sussman from Opa Locka, Fla., on that date at 9 A. M. John D. Long, 3326 Fulton St., San Francisco, Cal. offers to hold covers for her return to the Pacific Coast.

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The Mothers Day Stamp brought many interesting covers, particularly so was the steel engraved cover sent me by H. Grimsland, of Chicago. Claude A. Wehinger, sent me a cover May 3 from Lowell, Mass., the Birthplace of James McNeil Whistler. Lowell was disappointed in not having a first day sale of these stamps.

The American Legion is sponsoring cachet for a Confederate Veterans Reunion to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 6-8th. Covers to W. Ralph Wharton, Box 724, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Lancaster, Pa., writes that the dedication of its new airport may not be held for ninety days yet, but that all covers will be held and mailed when the event takes place.

The Wenatchee, Wash., Chamber of Commerce was advised May 2nd, that the Post Office would supply a cachet for the first air mail from that city, and the Chamber are also providing a good one for the same. If not too late when this appears your covers might well be sent to the Chamber.

The Culpepper (Va.) Chamber of Commerce advise they are sponsoring cachet June 21st. for the 175th Anniversary of the laying out of that town.

The 100th. Anniversary of the First Norwegian settlement in America, will be commemorated by a cachet by the Daily Republican-Times on June 22nd. Covers to Arnold C. Peterson, care of Post Office, Ottawa, Ill.

The Kokomo Stamp Club will have printed cachet July 4th. on the 40th. Anniversary of the first trial run of the first American Auto, built by Elwood Haynes, and showing a picture of it. Covers to Rex Clingenpeel, 923 No. Indiana Ave., Kokomo, Ind.

Cachet for Centennial of Rochester, N. Y., on June 9th. Covers to Stephen Platania, 188 Northland Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

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Fleet Review Set

Grand review of the United States fleet by President Roosevelt will start at 11 a. m., Thursday, May 31, it is officially announced. There is still time to get covers off to the navy mail clerks. A good idea is to select the big battleships, the Maryland, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia, California, Pennsylvania, New York and New Mexico. Also, for beautiful cancels, include the Relief, Northampton, Lexington and Portland. Address all ships care New York postmaster.

Tin Can Island

Tin Can Island, a spot in the south seas where natives swim to and from ships with the mail, will again cancel covers. C. W. Skinner of the Los Angeles Steamship Co., gives the information that covers will be forwarded for these cancels on June 27 and June 28, and must be received by June 24. Send covers ready to go and include 6 cents in coin or stamps extra for each cover, this being necessary to pay expenses of forwarding charges. Address packets to Los Angeles Steamship Co., San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Skinner writes that about 8,000 covers have been held for this event.

Schedule Change

Leo Miller, navy mail clerk, U.S.S. Northampton, writes me that his ship's schedule for July 4 has been changed and that instead of being at Philadelphia, as previously ordered, it will now go to Baltimore. Send Leo plenty of covers and get plenty of nice cancels. He is a tireless worker in behalf of collectors and seems never to have enough covers on hand to satisfy his ambitions to please. He has at least four good events coming up, so send covers for all of them, and you will not be disappointed.

Other Review Ships

Since the high spot of the year for naval collectors will be the fleet review in New York, here are more ships to which covers should be sent for nice cancels. Address the navy mail clerk of each, care the New York postmaster: Louisville, Pensacola, Houston, Indianapolis, Detroit, Perry, Long, Talbot, Dahlgren, McLeish and Truxton. Saratoga, Hukbert, Fox, Williamson and Humphreys.

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The association checked 5,000 questionnaires that were answered by the residents of some twenty-nine communities among which were Boston, Newark, Worcester, Irvington, N. J., Ossining, N. Y., Milburn, N. J., and Durham, N. C. In the list of hobbies stamp collecting was eighty-seventh and but ninety-four hobbies were listed. Of the 5,000 men and women interviewed, 363 were "occasional" collectors; 148 were active collectors.

I suppose we are permitted to draw our own conclusions from these figures. So what?

There are approximately 123,000,000 men, women and children in the United States. If we could say that 363 out of every 5,000 persons collected stamps occasionally and 148 are active collectors then there is the appalling number of 12,570,600 stamp collectors in this country.

But that would hardly be correct for we must remember that a considerable portion of the population consists of small children and certain other classes of society that would not be interested in stamps under any stretch of the imagination. Too, the leisure time survey touched only an employed group of which three out of five were women and three out of five were unmarried men or women.

It would seem, however, that the previous estimates of the number of stamp collectors in the United States are too low and as many as 5,000,000 may exist. The survey revealed that philately among this particular 5,000 is losing ground since many stated that they now devote less time to the hobby than before they received the advantages of hour reductions in the industries in which they are employed. This is to be expected. All hobbies embraced under such circumstances as have characterized the last few years will lose some ground as conditions improve but those hobbies which leave a lasting imprint upon the mind of the individual will spring

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(Washington Stamp News)

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—A newspaper clipping sent us by Mr. H. G. Spanton tells at length of the new postal rates which went into effect here April 1st. It also informs its readers that the country withdraws from the Pan-American Postal Union, so that the reduced rates previously in force, will no longer exist. Whether this action will result in the issuing of new values of stamps is not stated.

ASCENSION—A new series of ten values will be issued on July 1st, and the preceding day the present set will be withdrawn. The design of the 1p., 2p., 5p., and 26p., of the new set, comprises a vignette of the King above two mark buoys and the map of the island, in the center of which is a turtle. The border depicts two wireless masts and an aerial. The remaining values show views as follows: 1/2p. (Georgetown); 1 1/2p. (The Pier); 3p. (Long Beach); 5p. (Three Sisters); 1s. (Wideawake Fair); and 5s. (Green Mountain).

(Philatelic Magazine)

BRITISH GUIANA—In Oct. 1932 and again in December 1933, we heralded a new series. It appears that it is now on order, as follows: 1c. (Ploughing a rice field); 2c. (Indian shooting fish); 4c. (Kaieteur Falls); 6c. (Timber logs); 12c. (Stabroek Market); 24c. (Sugar Canes in punts); 48c. (forest road in interior); 50c. (same as 4c.); 60c. (Victoria Regia lilies); 72c. (Mount Roraima); 96c. (Sir Walter Raleigh and his son); and \$1.00 (Avenue in Botanic Gardens). Size of the stamps, 33mm. x 28mm. The 2, 4, 48, 50 and 96c. are upright, the rest horizontal. A vignette of the King appears on the 1, 2, 4, 6, 24, 50, 60c. and \$1.00 only.

(Philatelic Magazine)

DUTCH INDIES—The new set announced in our issue of two weeks ago, has appeared. New design, square format, values from 1c. to 42 1/2c. are 26mm. square, the others 32 1/2mm. Printed by photogravure, unwmk., perf. 11 1/2 x 12: 1c. slate; 2c. magenta; 3 1/2c. bistre; 5c. yellow-green; 4c. olive; 5c. bright ultramarine; 7 1/2c. purple; 10c. scarlet; (all pictorial design). 15c. ultramarine; 20c. magenta; 25c. deep blue green; 30c. slate; 32 1/2c. bistre; 35c. purple; 40c. yellow-green; 42 1/2c. yellow ochre; 50c. slate; 60c. bright ultramarine; 80c. scarlet; 1gld. purple; 1.75gld. yellow green; 2.50 gld. magenta. (all portrait of the Queen).

(R. Roberts)

INDIA—Harking back to our notes of April 29th, 1933, we learn that the stamps bearing the words "Postage & Revenue" were discontinued on April 1st, 1934, in all provinces except Burma. Stamps in the future will bear either the word "Postage," or the word "re-

venue," depending upon their use. Those stamps of the old issue held by the public after April 1st, may be used for postage ONLY and NOT for revenue. The values thus effected are 1/2a., 1a., 2a. and 4a.

(Philatelic Magazine)

Indore—Type of 1927-30 Issue. Unwmk. Perf. 13 1/2:

A6—1 1/4a. green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

ITALY—An attractive new set of seven postage stamps, six airmail stamps and two stamps for Airpost combined with Special Delivery Service has just been issued by Italy in connection with the celebration of the annexation of Fiume to the Kingdom.

The stamps are of the upright oblong format, 37x21mm in size, by the same process of printing that has made recent Italian Commemoratives such beautiful and colorful stamps.

We hope at a later date to be able to describe the pictures on the various values, all of which are of a historic nature.

The postage set consists of the following: 10c. brown; 20c. carmine rose; 50c. violet; 1.25L bright blue; 1.75 plus 1L slate blue; 2.55 plus 2L brown violet and 2.75 plus 2.50L olive green.

The Airpost set: 25c. green; 50c. dark chocolate; 75c. yellow brown; 1L plus 50c. brown violet; 2L plus 1.50L blue and 3 plus 2L black brown.

The Airpost and Express stamps 2.25L plus 1.25L olive and 4.50L plus 2L carmine.

JAPAN—New Airmail Value. The inland air mail rates for postcards was raised from 8 1/2 sen to 9 1/2 sen, on and after Nov. 1st, 1933. Consequently a new value, in the same type as the 1929 issue, was placed on sale Mar. 1st. Sale of the 8 1/2 sen, were stopped simultaneously.

9 1/2 sen. orange rose

(Philatelic Magazine)

LATVIA—Marks Stamp Company, in their latest Monthly Journal, report the discovery of a very clever forgery of Scott's #13a. Details are too minute to mention, but those interested would do well to write for a copy of the May issue of their Journal.

MACAO—New type. Similar to last Mozambique. Wmk. cross, perf. 11 1/2, typographed: 1/2a. bistre brown; 1a. gray brown; 2a. blue green; 3a. mauve; 4a. black; 6a. gray; 6a. brown; 7a. pink; 8a. turquoise; 10a. salmon; 12a. blue; 14a. sage green; 15a. red lilac; 20a. orange; 30a. pale yellow green; 40a. violet; 50a. olive bistre; 1P. gray blue; 2P. pale red brown; 3P. emerald; 5P. purple.

(R. Roberts)

MANCHUKUO—Data on the set noted in our issue of April 28th; Printed on watermarked granite paper, perf. 12 1/2. Colors: 1 1/2 fen. brown; 3f. carmine rose; 6f. olive green; 10f. blue.

(Philatelic Magazine)

SAAR—The charity stamps announced in our issue of Mar. 31st, have been received. Large upright oblong. Photogravure, unwmk., perf. 13 1/2. Values as previously announced. Colors and designs, in order of values as given in previous notes, follow: sepia (Peasant Woman); bright orange red (Female Figure

with Key); purple (Female figure with olive branch); deep blue (female figure with cup of kindness); magenta (female figure with horn of plenty); olive (Female figure working); terra cotta (female hooded head).

(R. Roberts)

SPAIN—Offices in Morocco. Type of 1933. Unwmk. Perf. 14:

A7—1c. bright rose

A8—10c. dark green

A9—60c. red orange

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

The Mother's Day Stamp

Last week we reported use of the Mother's Day stamp as early as April 25 and 27 from Indiana towns. Now comes a letter from J. W. Poynter of Winner, South Dakota, reporting the stamp in use in that part of the country as early as April 26 both for letter mail and on parcels.

Collectors naturally wonder what value can be attached to early use of such stamps.

Doubtless in the future there will be some collectors who will pay a premium for such covers but only in instances where they can be satisfied that the stamps were actually used on those early dates for be it known, there is no reason why a friendly postmaster could not cancel one of these stamps for you with a date the day the stamps were printed or even earlier if he chose to do so.

It would therefore seem that the best plan for cover collectors is to confine their collection of such stamps to recognized First Day covers from cities authorized to use the stamps on first day and disregard the others which may be spurious.



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Geo. M. Hale of New Haven, Conn., submits very promptly the first MOTHER'S DAY precancel. It is from Pawtucket, R. I., reading up in U-121 type. The odd size of these stamps will not permit a very neat looking precancel as there will always be a portion of another imprint on the stamp somewhere unless a special plate is used.

First it was the BEE, then the Scorpion and Hornet and now we have the old "MISSOURI MULE", a mimeographed precancel sheet put out for the edification of collectors of the state of MISSOURI, published and distributed by Walt Black of Kansas City.

Paul J. Young sends in a MARYLAND precancel from the home town, Norristown, Pa., the stamp reads down and is in U-86 type. I have also come across some items from Easton, Pa., in U-122. An NRA and 6c ord. among others. E. J. Merton of Akron, Ohio, shows me a 1c C. of P. from Elyria, Ohio, in U-122 up.

And from Emil Jahnke of Flint, Mich., comes an impression from that fancy old plate used at LANSING, MICH., in the early days of precanceling. The impression shows but 75 subjects, 1/4 of the plate is missing, but at that there is enough there to give you a good idea how it looked. The imprint as some of you know shows a railroad map with Lansing marked with a star showing it is the capital and all roads leading to it. Lansing at the top and Mich. at the bottom in about as bold letters as could be used caused several of the nearby cities to complain that Lansing was getting undue advertising and attention from the use of such a

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fancy cancellation on its precancelled stamps. Whether this was the cause of the plate being discontinued from use or not I do not know, but it is certain that the plate was far from being dilapidated when it was laid to rest. Mr. Jahnke shows me a copy of the 2c 1903 in this type inverted and unlisted. This was the very first sheet precancelled by this plate and the printer besides getting the sheet in the press upside down, got the sheet all smeared up with ink too, so the P. M. pays for this sheet himself and takes it out of the lot and keeps it, for it would never do to have Lansing, Mich., traveling about the country upside down. Anyhow the good P. M. by this act saved for posterity a hundred copies of a fine old classic.

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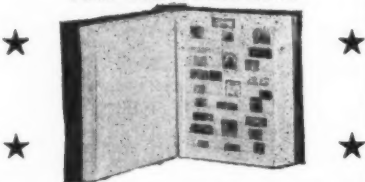
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M. Amiel has resumed business in stamps at 837 E. 22nd Street, Brooklyn, and will confine himself mainly to auctions.

John S. Turner, a well posted and energetic stamp man, formerly connected with Stanley Gibbons, Inc., has formed a connection with The Madison Stamp Company of 566 Madison Avenue.

E. B. Power formerly connected with the Madison Stamp Company, has severed his connections with that company, we are informed.

Herbert E. Greenfield, who for a time ran the store of H. Serogl at Lexington Avenue at 46th Street has branched out in business for himself at 465 Lexington Avenue. We wish Mr. Greenfield lots of luck as he is a fine type of man and a credit to the stamp game.

This is why a stamp dealer gets grey hair before his time. A collector purchased 1000 hinges in a stamp emporium, and sitting down on the best stool proceeded to count the hinges. It turned out that there were 14 of them short. The dealer exploded then and handed the customer a handful, and hoped that this collector would steer clear of his shop in the future.

We understand that V. Hasselbaum of 316 Flatbush Avenue, whose office was broken into some time ago, has recovered some of his stock that was taken.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Harvey Dolin of Harvey Dolin and Company who has opened offices at 31 Park Row. A well set up man who also should be a credit to the stamp business. Mr. Dolin formerly did his business through the mails. We think his Park Row location is a very good one.

The Mother's Day stamp made its appearance in New York on May 3rd and we were struck with the beauty of this adhesive. Nearly everybody praised the stamp but an artist friend of ours found fault with it in that it was off balance as the figure of value should have been at the lower right corner. We do not agree with him. As far as we know there are no flat plate Mother's Day stamps in New York yet.

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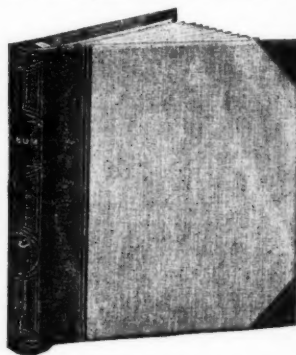
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